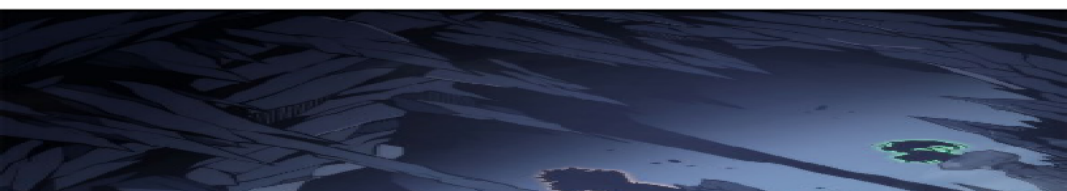


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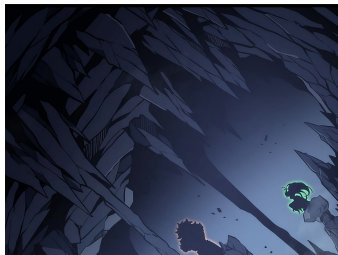
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THE MONARCH
OF SHADOWS
IS CURRENTLY
ON EARTH.



I THOUGHT YOU SAID
THERE WASN'T A VESSEL
THAT COULD CONTAIN
HIS POWERS.



ISN'T THAT WHY THE
DRAGON KING COULDN'T
REMAIN ON EARTH?



CHOOSING
TO FIGHT AGAINST
HIM IS CHOOSING
DEATH.

OUT OF THE NINE
MONARCHS WHO REIGN
OVER CHAOS, HE'S ONE
OF THE STRONGEST.

WHY DON'T YOU
WAIT FOR THE MONARCH
OF DESTRUCTION, THE
DRAGON KING, TO
RETURN INSTEAD?

WE MAY BE ON
THE RUN RIGHT NOW,
BUT WE'RE STILL
MONARCHS.

CLENCH

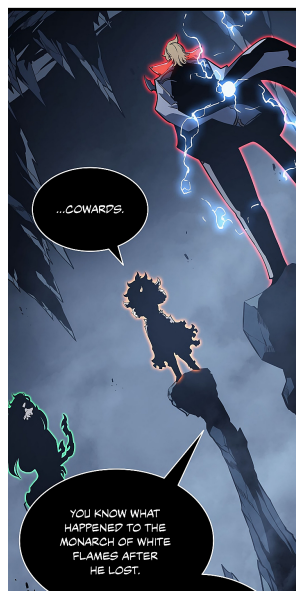
HOW MUCH
LONGER DO YOU
EXPECT US TO RELY
SOLELY ON THE
DRAGON KING?

NOW'S OUR
CHANCE TO GET RID
OF THE MONARCH OF
SHADOWS, WHEN HE'S
STILL IN HIS HUMAN
FORM.



FIGHT
WITH ME.

I WILL TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY AND
SEND HIM BACK TO
NOTHINGNESS.





I DON'T WANT TO BE
CAUGHT BY THE SHADOW
MONARCH'S AUTHORITY
AND FALL INTO 'ETERNAL
SLUMBER.'



I DON'T THINK HE
CAN SUBJECT OUR
ASTRAL BODIES
TO HIS AUTHORITY,
THOUGH.

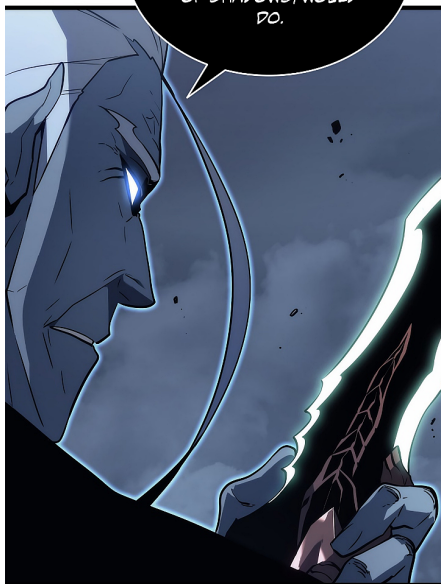
IT SEEMS
THE MONARCH OF
SHADOWS AND THE
ARCHITECT HAVE
JOINED FORCES,
SO...

...HE CAN
CREATE REPLICAS
OF US.

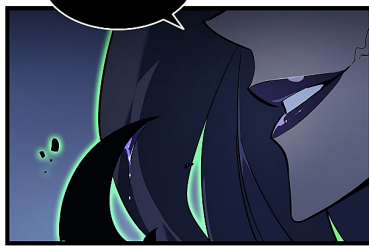
I'D RATHER NOT
BECOME ONE OF
HIS PAWNS.



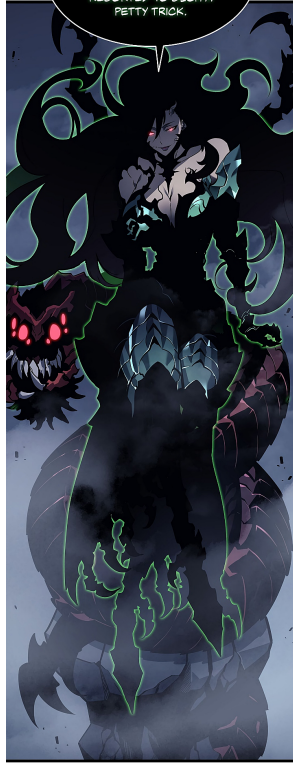
HE HAD APPLIED
POISON ON HIS DAGGER.
THAT'S NOT SOMETHING
ASHBORN, THE MONARCH
OF SHADOWS, WOULD
DO.



POISON...?



YOU'RE RIGHT. IF THE
MONARCH OF SHADOWS WERE
CONTROLLING THE HUMAN'S
BODY, HE WOULDN'T HAVE
RESORTED TO SUCH A
PETTY TRICK.



DO I HAVE YOUR
SUPPORT THEN?








"THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT
WHO WILL PROTECT YOUR
LIFE IF ANOTHER S-RANK
GATE WERE TO SPAWN."



"YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO
BUY BACK YOUR LIFE EVEN
IF YOU PAID HUNDREDS... NO,
THOUSANDS OF TIMES MORE
THAN WHAT YOU PAID FOR
YOUR HOUSE."

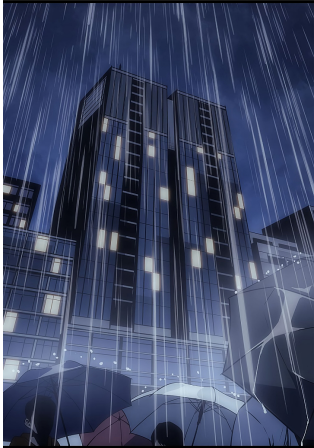
BACK WHEN
SUNG JINWOO WAS
BATTLING THE ANTS
ON JEJU ISLAND,

CHAIRMAN
GO GUNHEE, WHO
WAS WATCHING THE
BROADCAST WITH
ME, SAID...

A vertical comic panel depicting a rainy night scene. A modern building with several lit windows is visible, with rain falling heavily in the foreground. A street lamp is illuminated, casting a warm glow. The scene is dark and atmospheric.

...HE COULD DIE IN
PEACE, NOW THAT HIS
LIFELONG WISH HAD
BEEN FULFILLED.

BUT I DIDN'T THINK
HE'D PASS AWAY SO
SOON...





I CAN'T
DETECT HIS
MANA.

AS I SUSPECTED,
THIS ISN'T GOING
TO WORK.

STATUS

- X

NAME: SUNG JINWOO Lv.133

JOB: THE MONARCH OF SHADOWS

TITLE: DEMON HUNTER (+2 MORE)

HP : 78,230 MP : 136,160

FATIGUE: 3

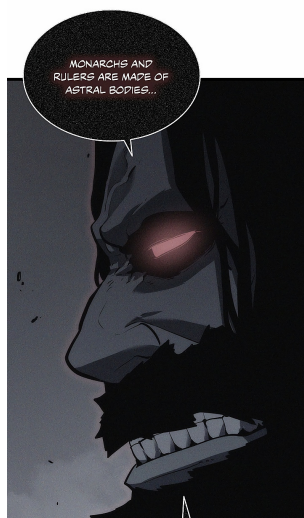
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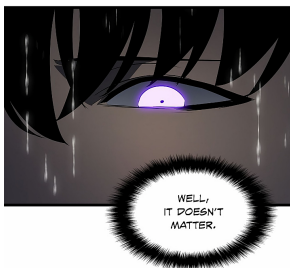
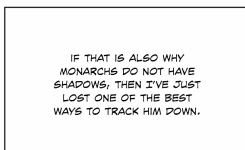
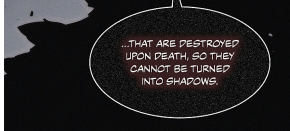
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SENSE: 298 AP : 0

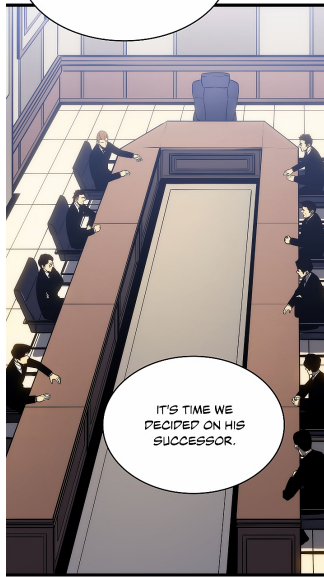


THE KING OF GIANTS TOLD ME
MONARCHS AND RULERS CAN'T
BECOME SHADOW SOLDIERS
BECAUSE THEY ARE MADE
OF ASTRAL BODIES.





IT'S BEEN
OVER A WEEK SINCE
THE CHAIRMAN'S
PASSING.



IT'S TIME WE
DECIDED ON HIS
SUCCESSOR.

THE FACT THAT THE
CHAIRMAN OF THE KOREAN
HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION
WAS AN S-RANK HUNTER
HELD GREAT MEANING.



BUT NOW THAT
WE'VE LOST SUCH A
MONUMENTAL FIGURE,
WHO WILL BE ABLE
TO OVERSEE THE FIVE
MAJOR GUILDS?

ARE YOU
SUGGESTING WE
RECRUIT AN S-RANK TO
THE ASSOCIATION?



HIGH-RANKING HUNTERS
MAY BE INFLUENTIAL, BUT WE
SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS OF
BRINGING IN OUTSIDERS.

THEN WHAT DO
YOU SUPPOSE WE
DO...?



AFTER MUCH
DISCUSSION, THE
DIRECTORS AND I
HAVE DECIDED TO
RECOMMEND...



...AND YOU ALSO
HAVE THE LEADERSHIP
SKILLS TO RALLY THE
HUNTERS.

THERE'S
NO REQUIREMENT
STATING THAT THE
CHAIRMAN HAS TO
BE AN S-RANK.

WE NEED SOMEONE
WHO HAS INFLUENCE
OVER THE HUNTERS
AND IS FEARED BY
THE HUNTERS.

IN OTHER WORDS, WE
BELIEVE YOU FIT THE BILL,
MR. WOO, AS YOU HAVE BEEN
ARRESTING AND MANAGING
HUNTERS OVER THE YEARS
AS THE SURVEILLANCE
TEAM MANAGER.

IN MANY RESPECTS,
I AM NOT THE BEST
CANDIDATE FOR THIS
POSITION.

THERE ARE SEVERAL
OTHERS WHO OCCUPY
HIGHER POSITIONS THAN
ME, AND AREN'T I
TOO YOUNG?

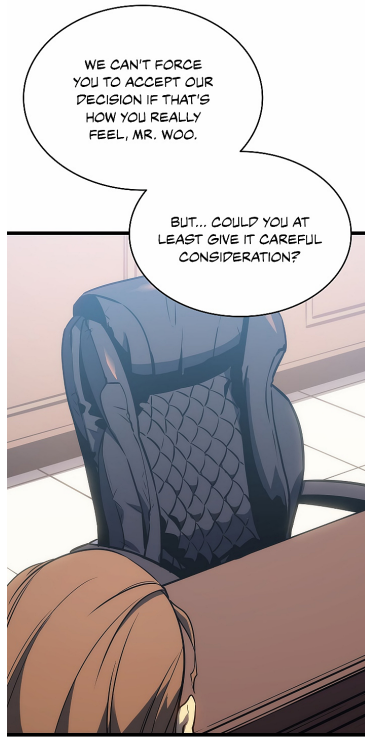


YOU'RE ON GOOD TERMS
WITH THE MAJOR GUILDS,
AND ABOVE ALL, YOU'RE
WELL-ACQUAINTED WITH
MR. SUNG JINWOO.



WE'VE RUN INTO
EACH OTHER A NUMBER
OF TIMES, BUT I'M NOT
SURE IF HE THINKS
WE'RE CLOSE...

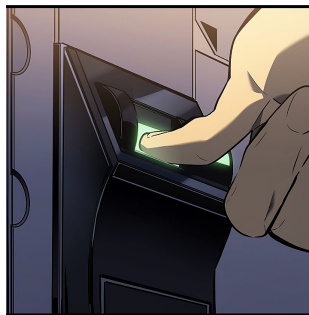
WE CAN'T FORCE
YOU TO ACCEPT OUR
DECISION IF THAT'S
HOW YOU REALLY
FEEL, MR. WOO.



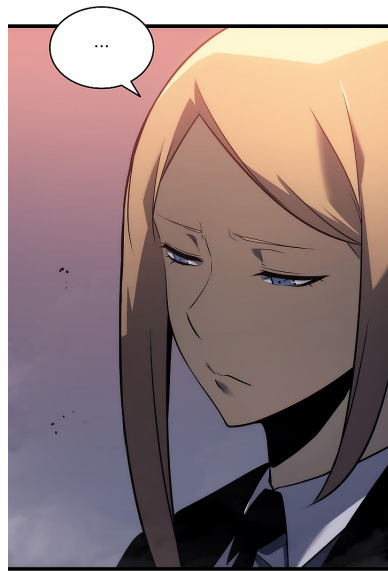
BUT... COULD YOU AT
LEAST GIVE IT CAREFUL
CONSIDERATION?

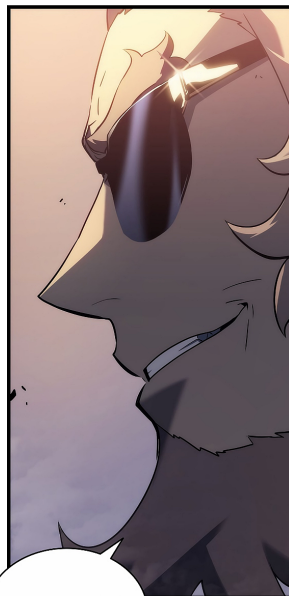
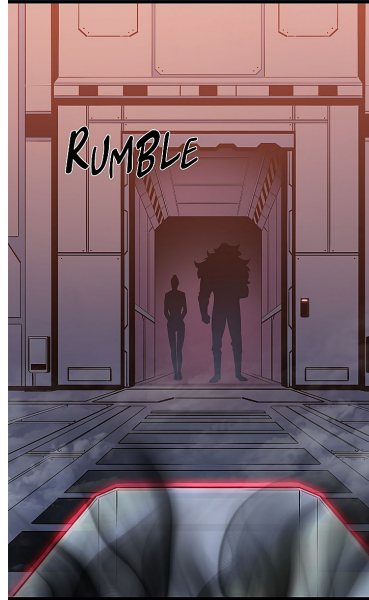




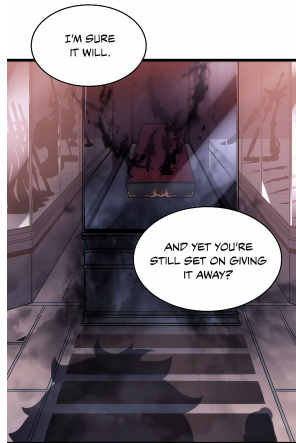
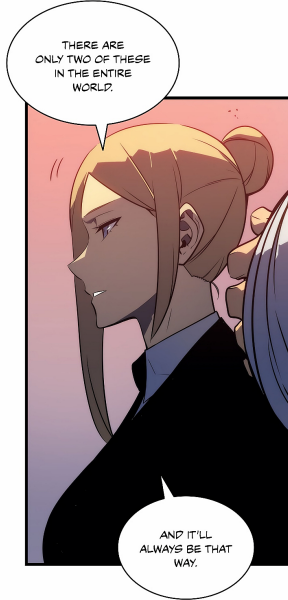








...IT NEVER FAILS
TO IMPRESS ME.





LEAVING THE
WORLD'S BEST WEAPON
HERE TO ROT IS SUCH A
WASTE, ISN'T IT?



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